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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF LETTER SENT TO PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION  
OF EEC BY ICFTU, DATED FEB 26, (COPY SENT TO SYG) CONCERNING  
SUBJECT REPORT, AND PROPOSED SANCTIONS COMMITTEE REPLY WHICH  
WILL BE SENT BY SANCTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDENT  
OF COMMISSION OF EEC IF NO MEMBER OF SANCTIONS COMMITTEE  
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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) IS DISMAYED BY THE REPORT THAT THE EEC TECHNICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A GRANT OF ABOUT )20,000 TOWARDS A PROJECT WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY BY THE RHODESIAN IRON AND STEEL CORPORATION, THE BRITISH PIG IRON GROUP AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN FRANCE, ITALY, FINLAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME IN SUCH A PROJECT IS IN BREACH OF UNITED NATIONS MANDATORY SANCTIONS. MOREOVER, SUCH COOPERATION WITH A REGIME, WHICH IS CONSISTENTLY VIOLATING HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND HAS BEEN CONDEMNED TIME AND AGAIN BY INTERNATIONAL OPINION, CAN ONLY PREJUDICE THE CURRENT EFFORTS MADE BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO RETURN RHODESIA TO LEGALITY THROUGH A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE MAN, ONE VOTE.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROJECT HAS STILL TO BE APPROVED BY THE EEC COAL AND STEEL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. WE SHOULD THEREFORE APPEAL TO YOU TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT RHODESIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT BE REJECTED ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSIDERATIONS. UNQTE

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AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN PURSUANCE OF RESOLUTION 253 (1968) CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LETTER DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1975, ADDRESSED TO YOU BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS, BASED ON BRUSSELS, A COPY OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM ICFTU BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ACCORDING TO WHICH "THE EEC TECHNICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED A GRANT OF ABOUT )20,000 TOWARDS A PROJECT WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY BY THE RHODESIAN IRON AND STEEL CORPORATION (RISCO), THE BRITISH PIG IRON GROUP AND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN FRANCE, ITALY, FINLAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN." THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORWARDED HIS COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE COMMITTEE HAS EXAMINED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER IN QUESTION AND FEELS THAT YOUR ATTENTION SHOULD BE DRAWN TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN AND TO THE FACT THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION OF THE RHODESIAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY IN THE PROJECT, IF CORRECTLY REPORTED, WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA, IN

PARTICULAR, RESOLUTION 253(1968). IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL A SPECIAL REPORT ON RISCO WHICH, IN THE COMMITTEE'S VIEW, CONSTITUTES AN EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT CASE OF SANCTIONS EVASION. THE COMMITTEE HAS THEREFORE ASKED ME TO REQUEST YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER, PARTICULARLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE EEC TECHNICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE APPROVED THE GRANT FOR A PROJECT IN WHICH RISCO WOULD PARTICIPATE, AND TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH A GRANT FROM BEING EFFECTED.

IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS AND URGENCY OF THIS MATTER, THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF IT COULD RECEIVE AN EARLY REPLY TO THIS NOTE, IF POSSIBLE WITHIN A MONTH. END QUOTE  
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